



*Dave McGowan, the Foundation's president & CEO, welcomes the crowd during the Arts DuPage Launch Party at the College of DuPage's McAninch Arts Center.*

## Arts DuPage Steps into the Spotlight With New Online Community Resource

Our **Arts DuPage** initiative and its first public offering, **ArtsDuPage.org**, have sparked a positive vibe within the local arts and culture scene. On Tuesday, February 7, the DuPage Foundation's newest initiative stepped into the spotlight and unveiled its new online resource for our community before an audience of more than 160 arts enthusiasts at a special launch party held on stage at the College of DuPage's McAninch Arts Center and sponsored by **BMO Harris Bank**.

"I'm delighted by the response that we've received," said **Barb Szczepaniak**, the DuPage Foundation's vice president for programs. "Arts DuPage is off to an exhilarating start and has attracted significant interest and attention throughout DuPage County."

ArtsDuPage.org offers the arts and culture sector a significant promotional tool to engage and connect with local artists, organizations, patrons and venues throughout DuPage County. The new online resource currently provides information on more than 100 events, 75 organization and venue profiles, and a growing number of profiles highlighting DuPage's individual artists.

During the evening's festivities, attendees were treated to two special musical performances. **Alison Gains** and **Anthony**

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## A Small Investment in the Environment Pays Large Dividends

Planting seeds today, with careful strategic planning and stewardship, can lead to a flourishing future. When the Foundation awarded a \$20,000 grant to **The Wetlands Initiative (TWI)** in 2013 to support the **Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's (FPDDC's)** Spring Brook Communitywide Stream Restoration Project, it accelerated the project's timeline and made it eligible for substantial state funding.

"The Foundation is an advocate for opportunities to protect and restore DuPage County's natural environment," said **Barb Szczepaniak**, Foundation vice president for programs. "By promoting the conservation and restoration of natural areas, habitats, and green spaces and by protecting wildlife and endangered species, the Spring Brook Restoration Project fulfills the Foundation's mission and vision."

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## Foundation Remembers Co-Founder McCormick on His 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

During February, the Foundation remembered and celebrated the legacy of our co-founder and trustee emeritus, **Brooks McCormick**, on what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Born in Chicago on February 23, 1917, Mr. McCormick possessed deep ties to DuPage County and was widely regarded as one of the community's leading philanthropists and conservationists. He was the great-grandnephew of Cyrus Hall McCormick, inventor of the mechanical reaper and founder of International Harvester Company (now Navistar).



*Brooks McCormick*

While serving as chairman of The Chicago Community Trust's executive committee during the 1980s, Mr. McCormick partnered with local civic leader **Mary Eleanor Wall** and other community leaders to create a permanent endowment that would benefit the people of DuPage County. More than 30 years later, the DuPage Foundation has grown to more than \$65 million in assets and distributed nearly \$30 million in grants.

"Brooks was instrumental in the creation of the DuPage Foundation," said Foundation President & CEO Dave McGowan. "His standards of excellence and faithful stewardship challenged and inspired all of his colleagues and friends."

Mr. McCormick served as a member of the Foundation's Board from 1986 until 1992. Throughout the years, until his passing in 2006, he remained one of our strongest and most loyal benefactors.

Notably, the DuPage Foundation was not the only local charity that Mr. McCormick helped create. In 1972, he was a founding member of the Forest Foundation of DuPage, which has become **The Conservation Foundation (TCF)**. Today, with the support of more than 4,000 members and 500 volunteers, TCF preserves and restores open space and natural lands, protects rivers and watersheds, and promotes stewardship of our environment in DuPage and other nearby counties.

It is fitting that, as we celebrate Mr. McCormick's birthday, the DuPage Foundation and TCF are strengthening their relationship. This spring, TCF will establish an agency fund at the Foundation to support TCF's long-term goals.

We think Mr. McCormick would be pleased.

## Arts DuPage

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*Dave McGowan, the Foundation's president & CEO, shares a painting with several members of the Arts DuPage Advisory Council.*

**Perry** from the **Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Jazz Combo** provided music during the reception. Then **Nik Eden** (baritone), and Foundation's Vice President for Advancement **Mike Sitrick** (tenor) performed "Lily's Eyes" from *The Secret Garden* accompanied by **Eric Rasmussen**.

The Foundation wants to help the community experience all of the outstanding arts offerings taking place throughout DuPage County. We encourage everyone to make ArtsDuPage.org a regular online destination to keep connected to local arts and culture. The site changes daily so we know it will be a local favorite.

### New Funds Established

- **Corrigan Family Fund**
- **Joe Newton Scholarship Award of Excellence**
- **Douglas A. Schooley Memorial Fund**
- **Trinity Episcopal Church Mortgage & Building Fund**
- **Wheaton Municipal Band Allan P. Loek Endowed Trombone Chair Fund**
- **Wheaton Public Library Agency Endowment Fund**

**Contact us at 630.665.5556 for information on how to establish your fund at the DuPage Foundation. For a complete listing of funds, please visit us at [www.dupagefoundation.org](http://www.dupagefoundation.org).**



## Foundation Welcomes Four New Committee Members



Michael J. Havala

Gerald E. Lewis, Jr.

Laurie L. Reifel

James M. Snodgrass

The DuPage Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of four new members to its various committees: **Michael J. Havala**, Investment Committee; **Gerald E. Lewis, Jr.**, Grant Committee; **Laurie L. Reifel**, Grant Committee; and **James M. Snodgrass**, Investment Committee.

**Michael J. Havala** is the CEO of Loaves & Fishes Community Services, a leading not-for-profit focused on ending hunger in DuPage County. In October 2016, Havala was named CEO of Loaves & Fishes after briefly serving as its interim CEO. Prior to his current role, Havala was a financial executive with more than 30 years of experience.

Havala received his MBA and bachelor's degree in finance and accounting from Michigan State University. He and his wife, Toni, and their three daughters live in Naperville.

**Gerald E. Lewis, Jr.** is the managing director of BMO Wealth Management for the Naperville market. He has more than 15 years of banking experience and is a former fighter pilot in the Washington D.C. Air National Guard.

In his spare time, Lewis serves on the boards of directors of Chicago Scholars, Harper College Education Foundation and Saint John Community Outreach Organization.

Lewis earned his bachelor's degree from Northwestern University. He lives in Tinley Park with his wife, Tiffany, and their three children.

**Laurie L. Reifel** is the founder of Reifel Associates and is an executive recruiter for C-level, senior and mid-level executives in education, healthcare services, business services and the not-for-profit sector.

Reifel received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and special education from Indiana University. She lives with her husband, Greg, in Glen Ellyn. They are involved in several community organizations including the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center.

**James M. Snodgrass** is a retired engineer, executive and the former owner of the Stiffel Company, a lamp manufacturer headquartered in Chicago.

Snodgrass holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a master's degree in mathematics from DePaul University and an MBA from the University of Chicago's Executive Program.

Snodgrass and his wife, Ruth Ann, have lived in Wheaton since 1968. They have two grown sons and three grandsons.

## Gierach Passionate About Creating Connections

When **Denice Gierach** first met Foundation President & CEO **Dave McGowan**, she was serving as the Naperville Humane Society's president. Gierach was impressed with McGowan's passion for helping individuals and organizations meet their charitable goals. That is when she first became sold on the mission and vision of the DuPage Foundation.



Denice Gierach

"Dave challenged me to get involved," said Gierach. "I began serving on the Foundation's Development Committee and then joined the Board of Trustees."

More than eighteen years have passed, and now Gierach is leading the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Last September, she was elected as the Foundation's 10<sup>th</sup> Board chair and has hit the ground running. Her first duties included leading the Foundation's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Medinah Country Club. That evening, she had a chance to share the stage with **Mary Eleanor Wall**, the Foundation's co-founder and first Board chair.

Gierach, a CPA, attorney and principal of The Gierach Law Firm in Naperville, is inspired by the opportunity to connect donors and charitable organizations through the Foundation. "The Foundation provides significant impact by linking donors and community groups with similar passions," said Gierach.

"We live in an age of collaboration," said Gierach. "Everyone associated with the Foundation—whether board members, committee members or staff—has different life and work experiences. I want to encourage the people we meet to connect with the DuPage Foundation and ignite their passion for the causes they hold dear. In turn, that will inspire the next generation of philanthropists."

# Foundation's Pearl Ball W



Photos (left to right)

- 1) Former Trustee Charlie Mueller
- 2) Woody Strohm, Cindy Strohm and Trustee Del Koch
- 3) Next Generation Initiative Steering Committee Member Amber Drew and Mike Goodlow
- 4) Peggy McGuire, executive director for Project HELP
- 5) The Moonlight Jazz Orchestra
- 6) Next Generation Initiative Steering Committee Member Michael Morrissey, Kara Morrissey, Trustee Emerita Joan Morrissey, Joseph Morrissey and Margaret Cross
- 7) Kamarrie Coleman and Trustee Lamounte Coleman

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# Was a Smashing Success!



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The Foundation is pleased to report that **The Pearl Ball: A 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Benefit** was a smashing success. The event was held on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at The Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus in Oak Brook.

"Thanks to the generosity of our many sponsors, more than 240 guests and other friends, we succeeded in netting more than **\$242,000** for Foundation operations," said **Dave McGowan**, Foundation president & CEO. "We also succeeded in raising more than **\$72,000** during our paddle raise spotlight for our **Bright & Early DuPage** initiative [which seeks to ensure that DuPage children receive the tools and resources they need to be ready for kindergarten], thanks to an outpouring of generosity and a **\$30,000** matching challenge grant from the **Gustafson Family Foundation**. This translates to nearly **\$315,000** in total charitable capital raised from this event—a figure of which we are extremely proud."

"We are delighted that the paddle raise exceeded the Foundation's expectations for Bright and Early DuPage," said **Al Gustafson**, Gustafson Family Foundation trustee. "The event was a great success for supporting and promoting all of the good work of the DuPage Foundation."

"On behalf of all of my colleagues, we'd like to thank the DuPage Foundation for allowing us to participate in The Pearl Ball," said **Carson Yeager**, who just this March retired from Northern Trust as its chief operating officer for wealth management of the central region. "Congratulations to the Foundation on the great financial success of this event and its continued success toward improving the lives of all who live in DuPage County!"

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**Save the Date - 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit**  
**Saturday, November 18, 2017**

**New Venue: The Westin Lombard at Yorktown Center**

# Foundation Welcomes Three New Trustees

The Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of **Delrose A. Koch**, **Roger P. McDougal** and **Megan M. Shebik** to its Board of Trustees. Koch officially began her tenure at the Foundation's Annual Meeting last September, while McDougal and Shebik began their tenure at the Foundation's Board Meeting in March.

**Koch** is a partner with Clingen Callow & McLean, LLC, a Lisle-based firm committed to providing counseling and professional legal services to individual clients. She concentrates her practice in estate planning, probate and trusts.

In addition to her service on the DuPage Foundation's Board, Koch serves as chair of the Foundation's Professional Advisor Committee and as a member of its Development Committee. She is also a past steering committee member of the Foundation's Next Generation Initiative (NGI). Koch earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa's College of Law and holds a bachelor's degree from Loras College. Del and her husband, Tom, reside in Glen Ellyn and have three grown children.

"I am honored and privileged to have the opportunity to serve on the Board of such a wonderful institution," said Koch. "The DuPage Foundation does remarkable work in partnering with many worthy causes that serve the people of DuPage County. I am excited to be able to learn more about and assist with those efforts."

**McDougal** has spent the past 14 years in commercial banking, corporate banking and wealth management at Northern Trust. He currently serves clients in the wealth management area as a senior vice president and managing director. In this role, he leads an experienced advisory team that assists with the investment, fiduciary, planning and banking needs of prosperous families and individuals. His team strives to help clients successfully build, preserve and transfer their wealth.

In addition to his service on the Foundation's Board of Trustees, McDougal is vice chair of the board of directors for Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley.

McDougal earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa's Henry B. Tippie College of Business and his MBA in finance from DePaul University's Charles H. Kellstadt Graduate School of Business. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Glen Ellyn with their two children.

"The DuPage Foundation is uniquely positioned to raise the quality of life for all in DuPage County by enabling effective philanthropy. As a long-time resident of DuPage County and volunteer for local not-for-profit organizations, I realize how fortunate we are to have a resource created by community leaders focused on making our community the best it can be," said McDougal.

**Shebik** is a seasoned community leader and volunteer who has been involved with the Foundation for more than 20 years. Since



*Delrose A. Koch*



*Roger P. McDougal*



*Megan M. Shebik*

2015, she has served on the Foundation's Grant Committee. Shebik and her husband, Steve, have two donor-advised funds with the Foundation: the Shebik Family Fund for Basic Human Needs and the History DuPage Fund. The funds were established with the Foundation in 1996 and 2012, respectively, and the impact of their grants demonstrates the passion that the Shebik family has for issues and organizations in DuPage County.

Shebik earned her Bachelor of Science degree in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She holds professional designations of chartered property casualty underwriter (CPCU®) and certified professional insurance woman (CPIW). She was previously employed with Kemper Insurance Company where she was a commercial lines property underwriter and supervisor.

Shebik feels strongly about giving back to the community. In addition to her service at the Foundation, she has volunteered for and held many leadership positions at several DuPage County organizations over the years. She has worked with the Girl Scouts of DuPage County Council, Boy Scouts of America Three Fires Council, the Wheaton Junior Woman's Club and the Wheaton Warrenville South High School Parent Association.

"I am excited to be working with a group of caring people who do so much to help others in so many ways," Shebik said. "Through my experience with the DuPage Foundation, my understanding of what philanthropy means has grown. I look forward to learning more ways we can make a difference."



# Spring Brook Restoration

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FPDDC intends to restore a healthy stream corridor and associated high-quality wetland and upland habitats along the West Branch of the DuPage River within two popular forest preserves, Blackwell and St. James, located in Warrenville. Since TWI is a not-for-profit dedicated to the restoration of the Midwest's wetland resources to improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat and biodiversity, and reduce flood damage, the two entities created an ideal partnership.

During the second half of 2013, a fast-track opportunity emerged to secure major funding through the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA). Since substantial planning and conceptual designs had already been prepared by TWI and FPDDC, the Spring Brook project was designated as "shovel-ready" and eligible to receive highway mitigation funds. With the initial grant and a second \$20,000 grant in 2014, TWI's scientists and staff played a critical role over the course of several months of negotiations with ISTHA. In April 2014, a formal agreement was reached that awarded \$2 million in highway mitigation funds to FPDDC and would cover the entirety of cost associated with Phase I and subsequent site monitoring.

The Spring Brook Restoration Project proved innovative as well as being the first potential "Waters of the U.S." mitigation project submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers since the Corps updated its own mitigation rule. Additionally, this was the first project developed under DuPage County Stormwater Management Agency's new countywide ordinance.

"First and foremost, having the conceptual design ready and the project already moving forward was the most important factor in the Spring Brook project being selected [to receive tollway funding]," said Scott Meister, FPDDC's manager of natural resources. "The Foundation's grant had an enormous impact and fostered innovative collaborations between several partners." In addition to TWI, FPDDC and ISTHA, DuPage County Stormwater Management, The Conservation Foundation and WBK Engineering all played critical roles in design, implementation and community education.

## Give the Gift of a Lifetime *Please Remember Us in Your Estate Plan*

*When making or updating your will, please consider a gift to The DuPage Community Foundation d/b/a the DuPage Foundation. Consult your estate planning attorney who can assist you in adding one of the following paragraphs to your will:*

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